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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS FOR "PHOTOGRAPHY-USA" OPENING

FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE ENGLISH TEXT OF REMARKS WHICH AMBASSADOR  
PROPOSES TO DELIVER AT OFFICIAL OPENING OF "PHOTOGRAPHY-USA"  
EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW, 14:30 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 17.

(BEGIN TEXT) I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO JOIN YOU HERE  
TODAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE "PHOTOGRAPHY-USA" EXHIBIT IN MOSCOW.  
I HAD VERY MUCH WANTED TO TAKE PART IN THE OPENING OF THIS SAME  
EXHIBIT IN UFA IN MARCH AND AGAIN IN NOVOSIBIRSK IN JUNE. BUT  
IN BOTH INSTANCES, IMPORTANT AND UNAVOIDABLE COMMITMENTS MADE  
MY PARTICIPATION IMPOSSIBLE. TODAY, I AM AT LAST ABLE TO EMON-  
STRATE PROPERLY TO YOU MY FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH  
EXHIBITS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND ALSO MY STRONG BELIEF  
THAT IN TAKING PART IN SUCH EXCHANGES THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES CAN COME TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER AND TOGETHER  
WORK FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

I PRESENTED MY CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR ALMOST EXACTLY  
SEVEN MONTHS AGO. THIS HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY SEVEN-MONTH PERIOD;  
THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS. UN-  
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FORTUNATELY BUT PERHAPS UNAVOIDABLE, WE HAVE NOT SEEN EYE-TO-  
EYE ON A NUMBER OF MATTERS, BOTH THOSE OF SUBSTANCE AND THOSE  
OF ATMOSPHERICS. WE ALL WANT PEACE, WE ALL WANT AN END TO THE  
ARMS RACE, WE ALL WANT TO DEVOTE OUR RESOURCES AND TALENTS TO  
AN IMPROVED LIFE FOR ALL OUR FELLOW MEN, BUT WE CAN'T ALWAYS  
AGREE ON THE BEST WAYS TO PURSUE THESE NOBLE ENDS. WE SOMETIMES  
VIEW PROBLEMS DIFFERENTLY AND DISAGREE AS TO OPTIMUM SOLUTIONS.

BUT WE CAN AND DO KEEP ON TALKING, EXPLORING EACH OTHER'S VIEWS. AND WE CAN AND DO WORK TOGETHER IN A MULTITUDE OF AREAS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF ALL. WE MUST EXPAND THESE AREAS AND EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR BILATERAL DIALOGUE. A RECENT PRAVDA ARTICLE ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS CONCLUDED WITH THE THOUGHT THAT GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES REQUIRE THE WILL AS WELL AS THE PRACTICAL EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES. I FULLY SHARE THIS THOUGHT.

THIS EXHIBIT -- LIKE PAST EXHIBITS -- IS A CONCRETE SYMBOL OF COOPERATION, OF THE HEALTHY EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE, IDEAS AND OPINIONS. FOR SIXTEEN YEARS NOW, DURING PERIODS WHEN OUR RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND DURING PERIODS WHEN THEY WERE NOT SO GOOD, SOVIET CITIZENS HAVE BEEN VISITING AMERICAN EXHIBITS IN THE USSR AND AMERICANS HAVE BEEN VIEWING SOVIET EXHIBITS IN THE UNITED STATES. TENS OF MILLIONS OF OUR PEOPLE -- YOURS AND OURS -- HAVE THUS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT THE OTHER COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE AND TO OVERCOME SOME OF THE LONG YEARS' ACCUMULATION OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISTRUST WHICH ONCE DIVIDED US AND, EVEN TODAY, CONTINUES TO CAUSE US PROBLEMS.

IN FIVE CITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION "PHOTOGRAPHY-USA" HAS BEEN VISITED BY OVER 1,250,000 SOVIET CITIZENS AND HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED EVERYWHERE. WE ARE SURE THE EXHIBIT WILL BE JUST AS SUCCESSFUL HERE IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL -- ITS SIXTH AND LAST STOP.

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THE LAST AMERICAN EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN HERE AT LUZHNKI, "TECHNOLOGY FOR THE AMERICAN HOME," OPENED JUST A BIT OVER TWO YEARS AGO. ON THE DAY OF THAT OPENING, THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ SPACECRAFT JOINED TOGETHER IN ORBIT AND ALEKSY LEONOV AND TOM STAFFORD EXCHANGED THEIR FAMOUS HANDSHAKE IN SPACE. THERE IS NO SUCH HISTORIC OCCASION TO MARK TODAY'S OPENING, BUT I INVITE ALL HERE TODAY TO JOIN ME IN LOOKING AT OUR EXHIBIT AND IN EXCHANGING ANOTHER SOVIET-AMERICAN HANDSHAKE -- THIS TIME HERE ON EARTH. I AM PLEASED NOW TO DECLARE THIS EXHIBIT "PHOTOGRAPHY-USA," OFFICIALLY OPEN. THANK YOU. (END TEXT)  
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